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SUBJECT: UNCTAD MEETING ON RUBBER

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1. WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF PREPARING A POSITION PAPER
AND FORMULATING TACTICS FOR THE JANUARY UNCTAD MEETING ON
RUBBER, AND WOULD APPRECIATE POSTS' COMMENTS NOT LATER THAN
DECEMBER 23 ON THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS. REPLIES SHOULD
TAKE INTO ACCOUNT VIEWS OF BOTH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
AND PRIVATE SECTOR RUBBER SPOKESMEN. WE RECOGNIZE THAT
NOT ALL QUESTIONS CAN BE REPLIED TO FULLY, BUT WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION POSTS CAN SUPPLY. ANY OTHER
OBSERVATIONS POSTS CARE TO MAKE WOULD ALSO BE WELCOME.

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2. WE REALIZE THAT THE ANRPC INTENDS TO INTRODUCE ITS RUBBER AGREEMENT AT THE UNCTAD MEETING. HOW COMMITTED ARE THE SIGNATORIES TO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT? ARE THEY WILLING TO NEGOTIATE WITH CONSUMERS? IF SO WHICH PARTS OF THE AGREEMENT ARE NEGOTIABLE? WHAT TYPE OF COOPERATION DO THEY SEEK FROM CONSUMERS (E.G. FINANCING)? WHAT ARE THEY PREPARED TO OFFER CONSUMER NATIONS IN RETURN?

3. ARE YOU AWARE OF DISAGREEMENTS AMONG SIGNATORIES CONCERNING THE ROLE OF CONSUMERS? THE ROLE OF UNCTAD? THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE COMMON FUND AND THE RUBBER AGREEMENT?

4. WHAT ARE THE CHANCES THAT SIGNATORIES WILL BE ABLE TO ENFORCE THE SUPPLY RATIONALIZATION SCHEME?

5. WHAT ARE APPROXIMATE INITIAL PRICE BANDS WHICH HOST GOVERNMENT HAS IN MIND? WHAT IS THEIR OPINION ON ADEQUACY OF 100,000 MT BUFFER STOCK.

6. WHAT IS THEIR PROJECTION OF GLOBAL NR SUPPLY AND DEMAND CONDITIONS, AND IMPLICATIONS FOR NR PRICES?
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